TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 649 - HB 1373

March 26, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires public swimming pools to maintain a chloramine level not to exceed two-tenths p.p.m. If the chloramine level exceeds two-tenths p.p.m., the pool shall close and proceed in superchlorination until free chlorine levels return to three p.p.m. or less.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$31,200/One-Time

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the pool test kits currently used are not sensitive enough to measure chloramine levels at anything other than five-tenths p.p.m. increments. The proposed legislation would require testing equipment able to measure in one-tenth p.p.m. increments.
- The Department estimates the need for 101 pool test kits for the 91 field environmentalists, eight field office managers, and two central office employees at a rate of \$149 per kit resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$15,049 (\$149 x 101).
- The Department estimates alkalinity and MPS-Out tablets for the kits will result in an increase in expenditures of \$5,137.
- Training environmentalists on the use of the new kits is estimated to increase expenditures by \$9,000.
- The Department will mail fliers to inform the 3,000 pool owners of the change in regulations resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$2,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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